



The League of Women Voters of Volusia County, Florida

THE VOTER

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LWV Purpose: To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected issues.

League of Women Voters of Volusia County

Annual Meeting
LPGA Clubhouse
1000 Champions Drive, Daytona Beach
April 12, 2008
9 a.m - 1 p.m.

Speaker: Mrs. Janet Miller
CEO ACT/ Mental Health Services in
Volusia County

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Registration/ Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, sausage and
bacon, fruit, hash browns, biscuits, coffee, tea

Price: \$15.00

Reservations: please contact Maritza Patterson at mail@lwvvc.org

Thrive by Five: Ensuring Hope, Health and Happiness in Early Childhood

Saturday, March 15, 2008
11:15 a.m.

Red Lobster, International Speedway Blvd. Daytona Beach

Individual checks – order from selected menu

RSVP: Maritza Patterson, mail@lwvvc.org
Summer Clayton, mail@lwvvc.org

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Dear Leaguers,

This has been a very sad and difficult time for all of us, with the passing of Judy Moore. Judy was such a dynamic vital force in the LWVVC. Judy's family has been very generous to have memorial donations be made to the LWVVC Education Fund, which provides Leaguers opportunity to learn so we can continue our work and have an impact on government at the community, the state and national levels. Judy was devoted believer in the League and what it stood for. We will use these funds to continue our work to learn and educate the public so all people can make informed decisions.

Leaguers have an opportunity to learn about childhood development in our upcoming general meeting on March 15, followed by mental health issues at our Annual Meeting on April 12. These are important issues facing our community today and I encourage you to attend and hear what our speakers have to say to us. Information about these meetings can be found in this issue of the VOTER. Maritza Patterson was instrumental in the planning of the program for both of these meetings; "Thank you Maritza!"

Look out for Politicos on Parade! We will have an entertaining fund raiser on May 10. Read Ann Smith's announcement about this upcoming event in this VOTER.

Also read about our Volusia County league hosting the LWVF state Council in Daytona Beach. Jean Snyder, chair of the Host Committee, has the update report.

Please join us by attending our meetings and fundraiser and volunteering at the Council meeting to help make these LWVVC events successes!

Sincerely,
Sandy Horikami

Memorial to Judy Moore



Judy Moore was a true activist. The world has lost a great lady. Judy fought for her causes and beliefs. She fought for her students. She had determination and strength and was often the voice of reason. Judy was dedicated. Judy inspired. Judy made a difference.

Judy touched so many lives: her friends; those at her workplace; the League of Women Voters; and the community. With her enthusiasm and belief in people, she was an inspiration and a motivation. Judy saw potential where others did not. Judy was a mentor and a true leader. Judy made things happen and people knew about it.

Judy was so many things to so many people. In the LWVVC she left a big void that many of us will have to work together to fill. There is emptiness without her. But we will keep her inspiration in our hearts to keep the fires kindled and continue to do the good work of the League of Women Voters of Volusia County.

Each of us will miss Judy in our own special way and carry with us our wonderful memories of her. We will all miss her very dearly.

Sandy Horikami

By-Law Change

The Board of the League of Women Voters recommends the following added wording in the Bylaws to clarify changes made in 2007. Changes are bolded and underlined.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the LWVVC, the immediate past president (**or two immediate past co-presidents**), five elected directors, and not more than five appointed directors. Two and three directors shall be elected by the membership at alternating Annual Meetings and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members of the Board of Directors shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding five, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the LWVVC. The terms of office of the immediate past president (**or two immediate past co-presidents**) and the appointed directors shall be one year and shall begin July.

Current Elected LWVVC Officers and Directors

President	Sandra Horikami (2007-2009)
First Vice-President	Claudia Roth (2007-2009)
Second Vice-President	Vacant
Secretary	Lois Filipic (2007-2008)
Treasurer	Christina Moseley (2006-2008)

Directors (2006-2008)

Betty Johnson
Ann H. Smith
Vacant

Directors (2007-2009)

Rosemarie Gore
Linda Sullivan

Nominating Committee (2007-2008)

Joanne Pinkston-McDuffie, Chair
Ann Harrell
Carolyn West

Nominated Officers and Directors

Second Vice-President	Maritza Patterson (2008-2009)
Secretary	Lois Filipic (2008-2010)
Treasurer	Christina Moseley (2008-2010)

Directors (2008-2010)

Gwen Azama-Edwards
Betty Johnson
Ann H. Smith

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Proposed Budget 2008-09

INCOME:

	Budget 06-07	Budget 07-08	Budget 08-09	
Membership Dues	3,750	4,275	4,350	1
Contributions	500	500	900	
Membership Fund	72	75	0	2
Fundraising	850	4,000	700	3
Interest	5	5	6	
Meetings	1,500	900	900	4
Voter Sponsorship	750	500	250	
Other Income	0	0	0	
Subtotal	\$7,427	\$10,255	\$7,106	

EXPENSE:

A. Operating Expenses				
PO Box	65	65	70	
Postage	300	300	450	
Printing	125	175	175	
Supplies	175	175	150	
Telephone	490	490	490	
Web page			100	
B. Board & Admin.	100	100	100	
C. Delegate Expenses				5
LWVF Convention	270	400	0	
LWVF Legis. Seminar	270	472	0	
LWVUS Convention	0	1,000	0	
D. PMP				6
LWVF	975	1,112	1,131	
LWVUS	1,785	2,291	2,332	
E. Voter Expense	1,200	750	700	
F. Meetings, Pubs, Award	1,400	1,000		
Meetings			900	4
Publications			108	
Awards			100	
G. Fundraising	100	1,600	100	3
H. Miscellaneous				
Other	50	200	150	
Workshops	50	50	50	
Membership Fund	72	75	0	2
Subtotal	\$7,427	\$10,255	\$7,106	

RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE:

Grant from LWVUS			500	7
Membership Fund (R)			38	2
Voter Services	1,500	520	520	8
<i>The</i> Voter Sponsorship	500	750	0	
Education Fund-Tallahassee			1,635	9
Subtotal	\$2,000	\$1,270	\$2,692	

(See Notes)

NOTES

(1) Membership	<u>members</u>	<u>dues</u>	<u>total</u>
Local Individual	66	\$50	\$3,300
Household (2/per)	13	75	975
National	8	0	0
Honorary	0	0	0
Student	3	25	75
Associates	2	0	<u>0</u>
	105 members		\$4,350

(2) The Membership Fund has been moved from Income/Expense to a restricted fund because this account is based on restricted contributions.

(3) The major fundraising project is the 'Garage Sale'. The income is substantially less than Politicos, but so are the expenses.

(4) Meeting income and expenditures should balance with a small income. We are currently losing money due to cancellations and no-shows.

(5) There were no funds remaining to support delegate expenses.

(6) PMP National (\$26.80 per individual)

	<u>members</u>	<u>dues</u>	
Local Individual	66	\$26.80	\$1,769
Household (2/per)	13	40.20	523
National	8	0.00	0
Honorary	0	0.00	0
Student	3	13.40	<u>40</u>
			\$2,332

PMP Florida (\$13.00 per individual)

	<u>members</u>	<u>dues</u>	<u>total</u>
Local Individual	66	\$13.00	\$858
Household (2/per)	13	19.50	254
National	8	0.00	0
Honorary	0	0.00	0
Student	3	6.50	<u>20</u>
			\$1,131

(7) Grants from LWVUS (Nancy Ryan): \$500 received in June, \$500 paid to Scholarship Winner in Sept. Another \$500 received in Dec. which we still have in the Treasury.

(8) News-Journal Voter Service Grant in Sept. 2006 for \$1500. We spent \$980 of it on Voter Service in the fall of 2006 with \$520 remaining.

(9) LWV Education Fund in Tallahassee with \$720 carryover from 2007, plus \$915 (to date) for the Judy Moore Memorial Fund.

LWVVC PROGRAM: PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports efforts to make children's services a priority in Volusia County, with the emphasis on early intervention, prevention, and prenatal care.

COUNTY CHARTER

The League

- 1. Supports protections of the County Charter and its principles, to include monitoring County Council to ensure that the principles are implemented.**
- 2. Supports an appointed (rather than elected) sheriff, property appraiser, and supervisor of elections, all with professional qualifications.**

GOVERNMENT (revised position adopted 4/28/07)

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County is concerned about the negative consequences of rapid growth throughout the region. In order to preserve the quality of life in Volusia County:

- LWVVC supports Volusia County and the municipalities within its borders working together to protect the environment while providing reasonable use of the land and restricting the use of wetland mitigation.
- LWVVC supports buffering of environmentally sensitive land and water bodies and encourages developing open, recreational and green spaces to enhance and maintain quality of life within the county and its municipalities.
- LWVVC supports giving public interest priority regarding the conservation of our natural habitats in Volusia County.
- LWVVC supports increased consideration to potable water issues, including the assurance of clean water in the Comprehensive Plans of Volusia County and its municipalities.
- LWVVC supports development of effective drainage systems to improve recharge and retention areas and reduce flooding in Volusia County and its municipalities.
- LWVVC encourages Volusia County and its municipalities to work together to direct regional growth in a responsible manner.
- LWVVC supports that any comprehensive-plan amendment or rezoning that permits increased residential density may be approved only if adequate public schools can be timely planned and constructed to serve the projected increase in student population.

NATURAL RESOURCES

1. **The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports efforts to conserve and protect our water supply as an essential part of ecosystem management. These efforts include:**
 - a) **The County Council's continued implementation of Volusia County's stormwater management ordinance.**
 - b) **LWVVC's continued participation in the LWV Coalition to monitor the St. Johns River Water Management District.**
 - c) **Sound management of Volusia County's designated sole source aquifer.**
 - d) **Protection of Volusia County's recharge area.**
 - e) **Establishment of a county-wide entity to govern water usage.**
2. **LWVVC opposes the development of a Ponce Inlet Marina.**

STORMWATER

1. **Because stormwater basins and sub-canal systems cross city/community boundaries, LWVVC believes that Volusia County should be primarily responsible for their maintenance.**
2. **LWVVC supports both county and local stormwater fees.**
3. **There should be incentives for using reclaimed water.**
4. **Local municipalities should include street sweeping in their stormwater management plans.**
5. **In addition to preventing flooding, effective stormwater management plans must provide for:**
 - a) **reduction of pollutants entering the waterways,**
 - b) **reduction of desalination of salt water tributaries in the county,**
 - c) **reclamation of stormwater to reduce the demands on the aquifer and**
 - d) **reduction of runoff pollution entering the aquifer.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

1. **Recommendations to the Florida Legislature:**
 - **Improve pay and benefits for child care staff.**
 - **Amend statutes to require improved ratios of adults to children.**
 - **Provide funding to assist facilities in becoming Gold Seal facilities.**
 - **Increase payments for subcontracted centers.**
 - **Permit child placing agencies to evaluate child care facilities and to provide information to parents to help them make informed decisions.**
2. **Recommendations to the Florida Legislature and the Volusia County Council:**
 - **Require licensing of all Family Child Care Homes.**
 - **Provide funding for additional licensing personnel.**
 - **Develop a training program for all Family Care Child Care Homes.**
3. **Recommendations for Community Involvement:**
 - **Develop facilities for night and weekend child care.**
 - **Develop alternative programs for ill children.**
 - **Encourage companies to collaborate on establishing quality child care for employees.**

League of Women Voters of Volusia County

Children's Committee - Public Policy Positions

The Children's Committee reviewed the wording for two LWVVC policy positions: *Children's Services* and *Early Childhood Education-Zero to Five*.

We found the policy for the *Children's Services* to be ambiguous about which children's services we were supporting. The wording has been revised to specify our areas of support.

The policy for *Early Childhood Education and Care-Zero to Five* needed updating because of changes in Florida State Statutes.

Children's Services

Current wording:

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports efforts to make children's services a priority in Volusia County, with the emphasis on early intervention, prevention, and prenatal care.

The committee found the current wording ambiguous as to which "children's services" are being supported. We are recommending the new wording which specifies "comprehensive health care and educational services."

New wording:

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports efforts to make children's services a priority in Volusia County with the emphasis on:

- Prenatal health care for pregnant women
- Comprehensive health care for children from birth to eighteen
- Quality, age appropriate educational services for children from birth to eighteen

Early Childhood Education and Care - Zero to Five

The League of Women Voters of Volusia County supports the following recommendations to the Florida legislature:

Current wording:

- Permit child placing agencies to evaluate child care facilities and to provide information to parents to help them make informed decisions.

The term "child placing agencies" in the original statement is no longer appropriate.

New wording:

- Develop and implement a state-wide quality rating system of child care programs. The rating system should include program curriculum and environment and be available to the public.

~~▪ Improve pay and benefits for child care staff. (Delete)~~

We recommend deletion of this statement. Because most early childhood education and care facilities are privately run businesses, the legislature has no vehicle to improve conditions for child care staff. In a later statement, we are recommending increased funding of subsidized programs.

- Amend statutes to require improved ratios of adults to children.
- Provide funding to assist ~~facilities~~ child care programs to become Gold Seal ~~facilities~~ certified.

This wording clarifies the intent of the statement.

Current Wording:

- Increase payments for subcontracted centers.

There have been changes in the way subsidized child care programs are funded. This statement clarifies our intent.

New wording:

- Increase the payment rate per subsidized child to child care providers.
- Require licensing of all Family Child Care Homes.
- Provide funding for ~~additional~~ adequate licensing personnel.
- ~~Develop a training program for all Family Child Care Homes. (Delete)~~
(Training programs are now available to family child care homes.)

Recommendation for community involvement:

- Develop facilities for night and weekend child care.
- Develop alternative programs for ~~all~~ children who have temporary illnesses.
- Encourage companies to collaborate on establishing quality child care for employees.

Immigration Study Report

The Immigration Study Committee met several times and communicated regularly by e-mail to plan the format for and then lead discussions on this topic, which is currently undergoing a national study. The basic materials, research papers developed by the national study committee, were available to all interested individuals on the League of Women Voters Website; some were in The National Voter. Copies of these materials were also available at the various meetings for a small charge. The areas to be covered were the following:

- U. S. Immigration: A Historical Perspective;
- Overview: Federal Immigration Policy and Proposed Reforms;
- U. S. Immigration Policy: Family Reunification;
- Economic Aspects of Authorized and Unauthorized Immigration;
- Federal Immigration Policy: Enforcement Issues;
- Effects of Global Interdependence on Migration;
- What Motivates Immigration to America?
- Immigrants: Diversity and Inclusion.

The members of the committee did additional research, as well as preparing posters emphasizing the most important aspects of the immigration issue and displaying appropriate news items.

Diego Handel, an immigration attorney, introduced the topic of immigration at the April 28, 2007 League meeting. In presenting an Overview of Current Immigration Issues, he explained the current laws and proposed changes. At that time the Congress was considering, but did not pass, a comprehensive immigration bill.

Immigration study group members led discussions in four small group meetings held during the month of September in Port Orange, New Smyrna Beach, Ormond Beach and DeLand. At each meeting the first two topics, U. S. Immigration: A Historical Perspective and Overview and Federal Immigration Policy and Proposed Reforms were presented and discussed. At each meeting site, two of the other topics were included. These gatherings were open to the public; there were lively and interesting exchanges regarding these complex issues.

The American Association of University Women of Daytona Beach joined the League at the breakfast meeting of November 17, 2007, at the LPGA Clubhouse. Panel members for the Immigration Study included: George Benedict (Volusia Farm Bureau); Jean-Michel Hilaire, (Migrant Advocate for Volusia County Schools); David Vedder, (Board Certified Immigration Attorney practicing in Daytona Beach); Reggie Williams, (Circuit 7 Administrator, Florida Department of Children and Families). The presentations were enhanced by each man's speaking of his involvement with the issue, not only in his professional life, but also in his personal life. Following this meeting, Mr. Vedder sent the committee a lengthy report, Making the Case for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, prepared by the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

The Consensus Meeting was held on January 12, 2008, at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, Daytona Beach. The consensus questions, which were available on the League Website and also in our December/January Voter, paralleled the study materials.

Our League's response to the consensus questions was sent off prior to February 1, 2008, by our Chair, Judy Moore.

On January 17, 2008, members of the committee were invited to attend the meeting of the American Association of University Women of New Smyrna Beach to share information on the Immigration issue. They presented a brief synopsis of the history of immigration in the U.S., reasons for immigration, current data on immigrants, and the global economic impact of immigrants in the U.S. There were many questions, most dealing with the dispelling of myths.

The national consensus will be available in April, 2008. It is the committee's hope that many people, not only League members, have become more interested in this very complex issue and will continue to follow it as the federal government tries to pass comprehensive legislation.

Compiled by Mary Derr, with in-put from committee members: Chris Moseley, Maritza Patterson, Claudia Roth and Carolyn West.

Membership Report:

The new membership brochures have been printed. Maritza Patterson has enlarged the membership brochure to poster size so that it may be displayed at events. We plan to display the poster on Wednesday March 5 at DBCC's Safe Spring Break from 11 to 1 in the DBCC courtyard.

I attended the debate luncheon on Amendment #1 and the proposed taxation and budget reform commission recommendations effect on Volusia's future Thursday February 28. The debate was hosted by the Volusia League of Cities and VCARD. The panel speakers were Morgan Gilreath- Volusia County Property Appraiser, Candace Lankford – Volusia County School Board Member, Ken Parker – City Manger for the City of Port Orange, Margie Patchett – Volusia tax reform Executive Director, and John Wickert – NAI Realvest – Commercial Real Estate.

Panelists were asked the following five questions:

1. Now that Amendment #1 has passed, what do you expect the impacts to be and how do you think this amendment will be viewed by the people two years from now?
2. Do you favor any changes to the appraisal or evaluation process and if so what changes would you recommend?
3. Do you think the one cent sales tax for K-12 schools is a viable option for future tax reform and why?
4. What are your thoughts on eliminating the exemptions on sales tax as a proposed tax reform?
5. Give one or two proposals you think would help bring true tax reform to Florida and why?

Mr. Gilreath has written his answers to these questions in a series of articles which are posted on his website: Volusia County Property Appraiser. Click on the articles tab. The panel seemed to think that even if Amendment#1 survives the lawsuits two years from now citizens will not realize the property tax relief it was supposed to have provided. The Amendment #1 is not tax relief but a tax shift. They agreed it was inequitable to begin with and is only made worse for nonhomesteaders. They believe Tallahassee does not have the political will to eliminate the sales tax exemptions. Ms. Lankford blames lobbyists, term limits and the way districts are drawn to ensure legislators are not seriously challenged in elections. Panelists agreed alternatives to ad valorem property taxes should be created and alternative funding should be created for schools and hospital taxing districts. A more equitable source would be an income tax. Mr. Wickert states he has little hope for a Florida income tax until the state is in crisis. He charges Tallahassee with being reactive rather than proactive. Mr. Gilreath doubts the sixteen counties in northern Florida that border other states will welcome a one cent sales tax increase.

Jim Haug wrote his thoughts on the debate in the News-Journal Friday February 29 the Local section in an article titled "Experts blame Tallahassee for governments' financial woes". *Claudia Roth*

HOST COMMITTEE REPORT - COUNCIL 2008

On January 20, 2008 several members of the LWVVC: Jean Snyder, Sandy Horikami, Rosemarie Gore, Claudia Roth and Nancy Ryan met with Peg McGarity, LWVF Office; sales Manager Robin Camacho, El Caribe Resort & Conference Center, Marilyn Wills, LWVF; and the catering manager from the Hotel. The meeting and tour that was included cleared up many questions about where activities will be going on and what some of our responsibilities will be. Logistics concerns were identified, locations for events were toured and additional responsibilities for the committee were discussed.

We have apparently been such an effective Host Committee, that LWV Florida has been requesting far more of us as a committee than was seen in past years when Council will held in Altamonte Springs! It's all good, but it has required us to search for speakers, for extra material to help those who want to travel around the city; let's just say the committee should continue to be busy until AFTER the Council weekend. An example of the "new stuff they need from us" - they want a color guard unit to open the plenary on Saturday! *Jean Snyder*

LWVVC 2007-2008 Upcoming Calendar

This calendar schedule is tentative and is subject to change

Date	Event	Where	Time	
Wednesday March 5, 2008	Safe Spring Break Event	Daytona Beach College	11AM-1PM	LWVVC & Voting Information: Claudia Roth & Mary Derr
Wednesday March 12, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday March 15, 2008	March General Meeting Ms. Lynn Kennedy from One Voice: How are the Children?	Red Lobster, International Speedway Blvd.,Daytona Beach	11:15 AM	Choose from selected items on their menu
Sun-Tues March 16-18, 2008	Legislative Seminar	Tallahassee, FL		Gwen Azama-Edwards Rosemarie Gore Sandy Horikami Chris Moseley Maritza Patterson Claudia Roth
Tuesday April 1, 2008	ERAU-Rock the Vote (?)	ERAU campus	11AM-3PM	Voter information, LWVVC table Contact person: Sheila Tamm, (386)323-8003
Wednesday April 9, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
Saturday April 12, 2008	Annual Meeting- Janet Miller, Director of ACT Corp. on Mental Health Issues	LPGA Club House 1000 Champions Drive Daytona Beach	9:00AM Breakfast meeting	
Saturday May 10, 2008	Politicos on Parade	Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach Street, DB	10:30 A-12:30 P	
Wednesday May 14, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
May 17-18, 2008	LWVF Council Meeting	El Caribe	TBA	
Saturday June 7, 2008	June General Meeting- Observer Corps Report & Virginia Cassidy, City Atty for Ponce Inlet: Freedom of Information	Palmetto Club 1000 S. Beach St Daytona Beach, FL	Arrive 9:00 AM Breakfast 9:15 AM Program 9:45 AM	
Wednesday June 11, 2008	LWVVC Board Meeting	Indigo Profess.Ctr. 2570 W. ISB, DB	5:30-7:30PM	All members welcome!
June 13-17, 2008	LWVUS Convention	Hilton Portland, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland, OR		Sandy Horikami Claudia Roth
Saturday July 19, 2008	LWVVC Board Retreat	TBA	TBA	

Observer Corps

It is with deep regrets that we accept the resignation of Carolyn Creech as our New Smyrna Observer. Health concerns in her family are limiting her ability to serve in this capacity. We need a new volunteer in this very important city.

Ann McFall is visiting every town and city to make a plea for consolidating elections and saving the county and the cities expensive off-year elections.

Port Orange City Council

The Port Orange City Council unanimously voted to remain a member of the Water Authority (WAV). Council members voiced their disappointment with changes in the Authority since it was established. The Council strongly supports cooperation between municipalities and the county in determining issues regarding supply and distribution of water.

The Port Orange Fire Department will be purchasing protective fire shelter with an insurance company grant they received. Protective fire shelters are used during brush and forest fires that can advance quickly, trapping the firefighter. They are made of light-weight materials that a firefighter carries in a pouch. When the pouch is opened, the firefighter opens the silver bag shelter and covers herself. The shelters were used in last year's California wildfires. A shelter keeps the firefighter safe until the flames have been extinguished.

Summer Clayton

Ormond Beach City Commission

Good enthusiastic report on WAV was given by Kelly, the representative to this board. He attended the Forum in St. Augustine, a great part of the meeting was spent on a variance requested by River Grill restaurant located on US1 on the Tomoka River. This is their third request for a variance to the zoning code. The first was to build on the river. This was 4 years ago. It passed with the stipulation that they not build a dock or have live music outside or offer outdoor sitting. The second was to obtain the last two stipulations. They were granted the dock but after noise level testing the outdoor entertainment was denied. Last night was for the latter again. Twelve folks spoke on the reading of this ordinance. Three were in favor. The rest were residents from homes impacted by the noise. Regretfully, the speakers did not allude to the proposed rezoning, which as read may have made the issue moot, but only to the possible noise generated similar to the bike saloons in the vicinity.

These bars are in the county, however. Compelling arguments against granting this were made by Kent and Gilooly. Partington wanted to have a trial period. The mayor proposed a month of outdoor entertainment. This suggestion was deemed out of order by the City manager and Attorney as it would have required the change in zoning. A vote was taken on the Ordinance with an amendment stipulating that another noise study be conducted prior to the second reading and completed by May 3. It passed 3-2.

Under discussion items the mayor suggested a Charter Amendment to allow for the City of Ormond to hold elections at the same time/schedule as general elections. City Clerk indicated that it was not possible as they would all have to resign and place the amendment on ballot. The proposed election schedule was also approved at this meeting to be submitted to McFall.

Maritza P Patterson

Oak Hill City Commission

Police Chief requested copies of FS 790, hand gun law be posted at entrances to city hall and commission chambers/as soon as possible.

City to notify School Board they are very upset about proposal to close Burns Elementary.

Boat with signs doing business in a canal were sent to Code Enforcement with powers to address. February 19, 2008

"Audience remarks" were limited to a presentation regarding a free inspection for wind resistance that can be accessed through MYFLORIDA.com. While this may allow you to get rebates for upgrading gables, windows and doors the inspection will become a public record that can be accessed by the insurance companies and/or buyers. You may qualify for a lower insurance rate if you complete the recommendations.

The Public Hearings went without any input from public until the reading of Resolution 2008-55 came up which deals with fire fees. The resolution passed 3-2 after approximately 1 hour of public input and commissioners comments. This resolution allows the city to request from

the Appraisers office a line designated as Fire Protection fee to appear in the tax assessment. This is however a non-ad valorem tax. Of note is the fact that the fire fee has not been requested nor has it been approved. The mayor repeatedly indicated this but at the same time he indicated that he is for this tax. He mentioned that other cities have implemented it successfully across the state as well as here in Volusia. A citizen addressing the commission brought the following facts: of the cities already assessing this fee all have increased the fees by 15-50 percent in the first year of implementation. Other alternatives discussions included billing through the water bill on a monthly basis.

The mayor also presented his proposal for the purchase of 5 acres off Cardinal and AIA (West of AIA) for off beach parking as part of the Discussion items. Of note was a comment brought by a citizen regarding the fact that he has been negotiating a 5 year lease agreement with a property owner right on the beach at a discounted rate. The Mayor indicated that the property on Cardinal belongs to a friend who is willing to sell it for a discounted price. The commission was reminded repeatedly by the City Manager that they could not appoint or delegate the negotiating of land lease or sale to a citizen or anyone on the commission due to Sunshine Laws. The possibility of a referendum is being studied as the Mayor also proposed the surplus of funds for the fiscal year be utilized with matching funds from Volusia County government for this purchase. The property will allow 441 parking spaces and/or the possibility of Echo grants for the development of a park. Part of this property sites on an abandoned gas station. The City manager was charged with the task of bringing to the commission the environmental impact and the property value. (The mayor had invited the owners of the 5 acres to attend the meeting).

A long and heated discussion ensued after Commissioner Kelly proposed the demolition and eventual sale of the MacDonald house. This is a 108 year old home that currently houses the Historical Society. No decision was made regarding this proposal however, the city manager was asked to bring back the costs of renovation as well as the current costs and public use of the tennis courts adjacent to this property.

Nora Jane Gillespie

Daytona Beach Shores City Council

The Council voted to remain in WAV if Port Orange voted to also remain. DBS gets it water from Port Orange and from Daytona Beach. Port Orange voted to remain with WAV.

The councilors voted to hold elections of members in even numbered years to save the cost of off-year elections and to save the cost and trouble of having a canvassing board appointed from the councilors. The county will assume this function.

Ponce Inlet Town Council

The councilors continue to serve as Planning Board as they iron out the major issues of their charter to accommodate the wishes of the community for a working waterfront community.

At their February 20 Town Council meeting Mayor Nancy Epps gave tribute to the work of Judy Moore for the League of Women Voters and the community.

Patricia Gadbaw

VOTER SERVICE

January 29, 2008 has passed. We have each voted our choice in the presidential primary and our passion for or against Amendment 1. The League was asked to speak to a couple of groups explaining Amendment 1, and we were represented at an open forum in Ormond Beach giving the position of the League.

Now it is time to really get serious about the upcoming election season. The first item on the agenda is our biannual fundraiser, **Politicos on Parade**. We thank Florida Power & Light for being one of the sponsors of this event. This is loads of fun as our elected officials model fashions from Target and help us raise funds that we will in turn use to help educate the citizens of Volusia County about ballot issues and positions of candidates running for office. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this fun-filled event, sell tickets to your friends and neighbors, and ask businesses you frequent to support the League by purchasing an ad in our program booklet. Anyone with questions can contact Ann Smith at mail@lwvvc.org

WATER NOTES

The St. Johns River Water Management District has been working with Seminole County in implementing a regional alternative water supply plant on the Yankee Lake. Neighboring counties are expected to participate in the project which would permit, according to SJRWMD computations, withdrawals for a period no longer than 20 years.

In recent days the St. Johns Riverkeeper Board has called upon its legal team to take action to prevent the proposed withdrawals from the Yankee Lake site on the river. Action by the Riverkeeper group is expected by March 7th, while on March 11th at the next governing board meeting, the District is scheduled to approve the plant's permit. Meanwhile, the Seminole Board of Commissioners is calling for an alternative water supply stakeholders' meeting on March 6th in the County Government Building in Sanford "to discuss concerns, goals and shared interests." It does appear all these action plans are on a collision course.

In mid February the Putnam County Environmental Council celebrated its third Rally for the Rivers---a fund raising effort to resist the District's plans for river water withdrawals from the Ocklawaha also intended as a future alternative water supply source.

With Daytona Beach being the first in the area to apply for and receive approval for several aquifer storage and recovery wells (ASR), it is appropriate that the league's position now be posted on the Web site. ASRs are considered important in the alternative water supply phase.

Rosemarie Gore

Speakers for March 15, 2008 Membership Meeting

A community with healthy beginnings for its youth is likely to see rich rewards for many years to come affecting all segments of society.

Carrie Garnett Baird, Executive Director, was one of the original founders of "One Voice for Volusia, Inc." since 2001, and served on the staff since 1999. Her vision and expertise had established this non profit planning and action coalition as a successful catalyst for change affecting many sectors of the health and human service system.

Ms Baird earned her Bachelors Degree from James Madison University in Sociology and English. After moving to Florida in 1996, Ms Baird worked at the Department of Juvenile Justice as the Board and Council Coordinator/Grants Manager and staffed a federally-funded project then called the Comprehensive Strategy. That project was the beginning of what is now known as "One Voice for Volusia."

Lynn Kennedy, joined "One Voice for Volusia" in 2006 as the lead staff for the Community Agenda initiative, a data based, community-led effort to establish priorities to improve local health and human services. In this role, she collects, organizes and analyzes data for publication in the annual **Snapshot** data report.

Ms. Kennedy received her Bachelor's Degree for the University of Central Florida and is certified in Facilitative Leadership. She has completed training in Outcome Accountability as well as Contract Negotiation and Management for the Florida Department of Children and Families.

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